

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings of Figure 1 replaces the original sheet of drawings of Figure 1.

Figure 1 has been legened "PRIOR ART".

Attachment: one Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

A replacement sheet of drawings is submitted herewith, in which FIG. 1 is identified as "PRIOR ART".

The specification has been amended as needed so as to place this application in condition for disposal at the time of the next Official Action.

The claims have been amended so as to take account of the formal objections expressed in the Official Action.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as unpatentable over BROWN in view of BAUDET. Both of these references are deficient as to the teachings of the present invention.

In particular, BROWN thickens the luff of the sail, not the reel. If as is conventional, the sail is inserted into a roller slot, then thickened foam core 3 of BROWN will impede this procedure.

Also, a foam core will necessarily change with time and lose its thickness, becoming thinner and thus losing its efficiency.

Still further, neither BROWN nor BAUDET teaches material that would be resistive to compression and so give no hint, either alone or in combination, of a solution to the problem of buckling and bunching by means of imparting compression resistance to the luff.

It is believed that the claims as amended as to form clearly bring out these distinctions over the cited references and hence define invention.

Therefore, in view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- one Replacement Sheet